

ELISHA B. LOTT.

MAY 25, 1898.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STALLINGS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9465.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. H. 9465) granting a pension to Elisha B. Lott, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

This claim is based upon the applicant's service in the Alabama Volunteers during the Mexican war, but the records show that the entire period of service covered but twenty-six days, and was all rendered at the point of enrollment, viz, Mobile, Ala. No claim for a Mexican war service pension has ever been filed, as the laws require that applicants shall have served sixty days in Mexico, on the coasts or frontier thereof, or en route thereto, and the only exception to this requirement is in the case of those who participated in battle, although serving less than sixty days.

There are no precedents for the allowance of pensions by private act to those soldiers who served so short a time as twenty-six days and never went to Mexico, and your committee do not think that sufficient ground has been shown upon which to establish such a precedent in this case.

The bill is therefore returned with the recommendation that it do lie upon the table.